



## Mercy High School

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## School Profile 2019-2020

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### MISSION STATEMENT

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We, the community of Mercy High School, Burlingame, a Catholic college preparatory school sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy, educate young women of diverse religious, ethnic, social and economic backgrounds to reverence and foster the dignity of each human person, to create a community of hospitality, to lead with compassion, to strive for excellence, and to proclaim Gospel values in word and deed.

### SCHOOL COMMUNITY

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Mercy High School, a Catholic college preparatory school founded in 1931, is dedicated to educating young women of all cultural and economic backgrounds for academic excellence, compassionate service, Christian leadership, global awareness, and life-long learning. Rooted in Catherine McAuley's unique vision for women and the poor, Mercy High School is sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy. The faculty and staff work in collaboration with the Sisters of Mercy to create a Christian community which values hospitality and the dignity of each person. Mercy High School challenges its faculty, staff and students to act with integrity and work for justice.

Located on the Peninsula within the San Francisco Bay Area, Mercy draws students from as far South as Palo Alto, as far North as San Francisco, and includes International students, as well.

Mercy's current enrollment is 393 young women. There are 38 faculty on staff, and the student: faculty ratio is 10:1, and there are 4 full-time counselors on staff. The average class size is 18 students.

Admission is by entrance examination, recommendations, elementary school grades, and interview.

### ACCREDITATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

Mercy High School is one of 38 high schools sponsored by the Mercy Education System of the Americas. Mercy High School is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and the Western Catholic Education Association.

### ACADEMICS

#### *Graduation Requirements*

The academic program at Mercy High School is designed to prepare young women for college. A student must complete 280 units in order to graduate, in addition to completing 88 community service hours. Students are required to take Religion every year. Upon completion of these requirements, seniors will graduate May 31, 2020.

#### *Honors and Advanced Placement Courses\**

##### **English**

English 1H, English 2H, AP English Language, AP English Literature

##### **Math**

Geometry H, Algebra II/Trigonometry H, Precalculus H, Precalculus STEM H, AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC, AP Statistics, AP Computer Science

##### **Science**

Biology H, Chemistry H, Anatomy and Physiology H, Physics H, AP Chemistry, AP Physics, AP Environmental Science, AP Biology

##### **Social Science**

AP World History, AP US History, AP American Government, AP Psychology

##### **World Language**

Spanish 3H, AP Spanish Language, French 3H, AP French Language, ASL3 H, ASL4 H

##### **Fine Arts**

AP Studio Art, AP Studio Art: 3D Design, Dance 3H, Dance 4H, 5H, 6H, Art 3H, Chorale H, Ceramics 3H

*\*All honors and AP classes receive an extra point in the Mercy GPA found on the students' transcript.*

*\*Additional elective classes may be taken at local Catholic girls and boys high schools (Notre Dame High School in Belmont and Junipero Serra High School).*

*\*AMES ( Academic Mentoring Educational Support) is Mercy's program for students with documented learning differences. Students with the AMES class listed on their transcripts participate in a directed study hall. CORE is the class dedicated to freshmen in the AMES program which teaches study skills, time management and test taking strategies.*

### Subject Requirements

Mercy requires the following minimum coursework:

**English:** 4 years, 40 credits

**Math:** 3 years, 30 credits

**Health & Wellness:** .5 years, 5 credits

**Religion:** 4 years, 40 credits

**Science:** 3 years, 30 credits

**Social Science:** 3 years, 30 credits

**Visual/Performing Arts:** 1 year, 10 credits

**World Language:** 2 years, 20 credits

**Electives:** 75 credits

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### GRADING SCALE

Mercy High School uses the following scale to determine grades. Honors and AP classes earn an extra point for the GPA.

100-93 = A	76-73 = C
92-90 = A-	72-70 = C-
89-87 = B+	69-67 = D+
86-83 = B	66-63 = D
82-80 = B-	62-60 = D-
79-77 = C+	60- >60 = F

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### GPA

Mercy High School's grading scale is based on a four-point system. A student's grade point average (GPA) is determined by dividing the total points earned by the number of classes taken.

A+ = 4.00
A = 4.00
A- = 3.67
B+ = 3.33
B = 3.00
B- = 2.67
C+ = 2.33
C = 2.00
C- = 1.67
D+ = 1.33
D- = 0.67
F = 0.00

*\*Rank: Mercy reports a weighted rank. If a student transfers to Mercy at or after the start of second semester of sophomore year, they are not included in the rank.*

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### STANDARDIZED TESTING

#### **SAT Middle 50% for Class of 2018**

ERW (Evidence Based Reading & Writing): **540-640**

Math: **490-610**

#### **Advanced Placement Examination**

82% of students scored a 3 or higher.

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### COLLEGE MATRICULATION: Class of 2019

**Graduation Rate:** 100%

**4-Year Public In-state:** 34%

**4-Year Private In-state:** 17%

**4-Year Public Out-of-State:** 15%

**4-Year Private Out-of-State:** 21%

**2-year College:** 8%

**International:** 5%

**Gap Year:** 1%

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### STUDENT LIFE

**Athletics:** 14 sports; 60% of the students participate in at least one sport; 29% play more than one sport.

**Clubs:** 16 clubs on campus

**Visual Performing Arts:** Art, Dance, Orchestra, Ceramics, Jazz Band, Chorale, Drama

**Immersion Program:** Students participate in science, cultural and service learning immersion programs.

